

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV161878130US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Continuation Of:**

Applicants: Kelly J. Henrickson, et al.  
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID VIA A MULTIPLEX  
AMPLIFICATION REACTION USING UNEQUAL PRIMER  
CONCENTRATION  
Group Art Unit: 1637  
Examiner: J. Siew

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants wish to enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

**In the Title:**

Please delete the current title and replace with the following new title

--METHOD OF DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A TARGET NUCLEIC  
ACID VIA A MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION REACTION USING UNEQUAL  
PRIMER CONCENTRATION--.

**In the Specification:**

At page 1 before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please insert:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION